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Left hand photos - upper - Nora and Murray DeCoffe as angel and gaucho; center, Dr. Clayton and Ronnie King as clowns; lower, Evelyn Pursley, birthday cake; Donald Dufour, Tonto, and Muriel Dufour as squaw. Right photos - Norma Campbell, gypsy; Bill Campbell as Charlie Chaplain, Mrs. John Rogers of Fairhaven; center - Pat and Paul Pakos as clowns; Russell and Claire Besette as pop corn bag; lower - Little 'Ole Wine Maker, Sue McGowan; Paul Pakos, clown and Jackie Bertrand as the grapes.



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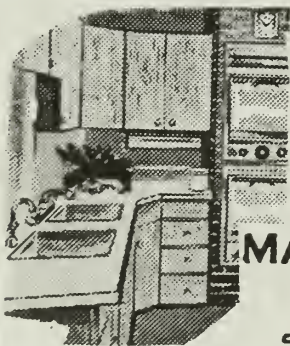
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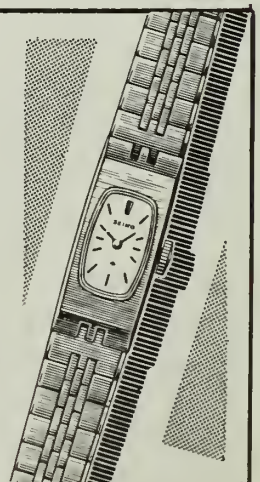
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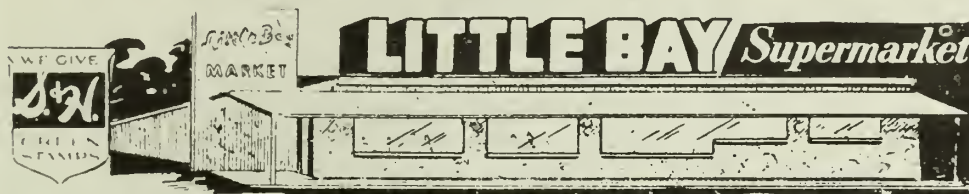
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Mattapoisett has many beautiful people and among them the Congregational Church Couples Club. At this time St. Anthony's Church Couples Club would like to publicly thank them and all who helped to make this Mardi Gras Ball a smashing success.

Meet the Candidates

CANDIDATES' PREVIEW, SUNDAY, FEB. 28

The Legislative Department of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring a candidates' meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 28th, at the Old Hammondtown School

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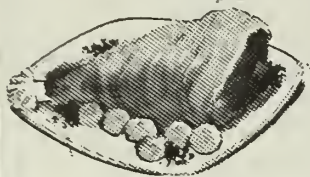
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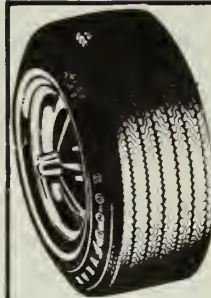
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Mrs. Albert Furnans, president of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, extends an invitation to all voters and urges your attendance at this meeting so that you will have a first hand view of the issues and answers facing our town.

Letters to The Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The concerned taxpayers of Mattapoisett are showing their resentment to the increase upon increase in their taxes. However, it is important their resentment be directed in those areas of our Town expenses that can

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be controlled. What is wrong? Why ARE our taxes so high? Is the amount of money we are spending absolutely necessary? Let's find out! The taxpayer should be aware of how all his money is being spent. The first step is to thoroughly investigate the School Budget which is the major part of our taxes. Let's see everyone in Mattapoisett take the big step into this "Tax concern" by being present at the Open Meeting in the cafeteria of the Old Rochester Regional High School at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, February 25th. This is the only way we can express to our school administration our unhappiness.

At this time of inflation, isn't there some way they can live a little more within their means then to increase this year's budget approximately 15%.

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10 years. It scares me! Possibly Town
zoning should be looked into again.

With this population increase there will
be a dire need for every available space
in our schools. At this time we must build
to the capacity of these schools, then plan
for increased efficiency in the use of our
classrooms.

Whatever the answer, we - the Townspeople
- must decide soon. Let us make absolutely
sure that we are spending our money on ab-
solute necessities and one of these necessi-
ties is adequate classroom space.

Dorcas M. Layport

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Presto is to be congratulated for succinctly
presenting the facts regarding the proposed
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mittee did spend a tremendous amount of time on a volunteer basis to present a proposal for voter approval and a sincere thank you for their effort is in order.

I recall after shortly moving to Mattapoisett in 1952 two topics of prime importance being discussed. One was the utter hopelessness of our Town Hall. We were told that there was absolutely no way that the facility could be improved upon. Various sites were suggested but as usual there were many pressing problems and no action

was taken. I would suggest that you step inside Town Hall and see the refurbishing job underway. The location, the seasonal trim says someone cares and certainly this "antiquated" structure adds to the quaint atmosphere of our community.

Secondly, there was a plea that we needed police headquarters. One need but step inside to see the improvements, much accomplished on a volunteer basis, which are quarters in which we might take pride.

In my short span of residence, I have seen these two overwhelming problems resolved. I think it reasonable, that as thinking people, a solution will be found as to our school facility.

We are constantly being told of the vast changes in the educational field. One that was recently aired is the contract agreement for teaching professionals to come into a system, teach a specified course with a guarantee for results. This might be an area which our school committee might investigate.

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I have been in the construction business for more than ten years -- one aspect of my experience has been the installation of sewage disposal systems. Making a system work on paper is not the same as making it work in actual construction. I was born and raised in this town, attended Mattapoissett schools and Fairhaven High School, and quite naturally have a continuing interest in the future of Mattapoissett. I am self-employed in the construction business and am also the owner and operator of Frank's Package Store located in this town.

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Winifred I. Burnham

New Thought Needed

Editorial, D.C.J.

To date, our school building program is based on the Mattapoisett Master Plan. It lies on the desk of our committees for frequent reference. I believe that plan is a blueprint to disaster. If the projections in this plan become fact, this town will be wall-to-wall houses like a giant Levittown.

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No town can continue to build and staff schools at this rate and this is why. Our source of financing schools is the home owner. Our zoning law practically guarantees that no industry or businesses (which are classed as industry) will consider building here. This is because the area set aside for them is undeveloped land without access or utilities. Present business in town, for the most part, is unable to expand because of set-back restrictions. There is no help, in the near future, from business. So, we depend on the home owner for funds completely. To say to this home owner, "if you don't like the taxes, then move out of town" is not only morally wrong but is bad business. People born here, who grew up here, who built Old Hammondtown and support it, who built Old Rochester and support it, who love Mattapoisett, have a right to expect to have an opportunity to live out their lives in this town. Leaving all that aside,

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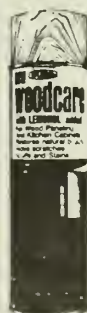
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the support of 15 childless home owners. All these figures are based on the approximate cost of maintaining a student at Old Rochester but they do illustrate the ratios involved.

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necessary school construction must be economical enough to be borne and the school administration must be made aware that in the real world where the taxpayer works, there is no automatic pay hike when the cost of living soars. In the world of business, the opposite is true and that's where the guy, who pays the bill, struggles.

It's a shame that highly regarded, hard working people on our School Building Committee were forced to come to the townspeople and present one package, dictated by the requirements of the State on a take it or leave it basis. It is unfair to handcuff people to State bureaucracy and expect a flexible solution. On the State level,

they have complete confidence in our tax paying ability - a view long shared by school departments.

There were many good suggestions at the Special Town Meeting. By far the best was that of Mrs. James L. Single who suggested that the school be built in sections, as needed. She suggested that we use local contractors and forget the State. If this is now impossible, if we are so controlled by the State that we are not allowed to act as a town, it is time that we knew it.

DCJ

Demanding Drama Due

THE STORY OF "WEST SIDE STORY"

Here are the facts: "West Side Story": Based on a conception of Jerome Robbins, book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. To be presented at Old Rochester Regional High School the evenings of March 18th, 19th and 20th...entire production staged by Mrs. Nancy Lee Gaucher, musical direction by Gary Thomas.

Here is the legend: "West Side Story" deals with an apparently parochial problem, New York City oriented, about violent racial conflict. However, since this musical play was first conceived nearly twenty

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We urge those of you who are not acquainted with George White to enquire his reputation among those who have known him over the years and then to vote as your conscience dictates.

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years ago, the very same problem has been cropping up increasingly around the country, coast to coast, in cities of such diversity, that even our own immediate city of New Bedford could actually qualify as a realistic setting for "West Side Story".

Uniquely utilizing Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet", as allegory, the creators of "West Side Story" base their plot on a dreadful, diabolical conflict between two different ethnic groups. Shakespeare called his fighting factions the Montagues and the Capulets. In "West Side Story" the opposing gangs are called "The Jets" and "The Sharks".

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Here is an honest report: In a pure technical sense, the presentation of "West Side Story" is unquestionably the most ambitious endeavor in the auspicious history of Old

Rochester's annual musical productions.

The basic story plot, the dialogue, and the lyrics are the most sophisticated and literate of any show ever offered on stage at ORRHS. Musically speaking, Leonard Bernstein's brilliant "West Side Story" score is the most difficult undertaking to date, for both the orchestra and vocal

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The most ambitious aspect of all is the choreography entailed in this show. When "West Side Story" first opened on Broadway to critical reviews of "excellence", special mention was made of the extraordinary fact that the art of symbolic dancing is featured in nearly every single scene of this play.

It is obvious that musical director Gary Thomas has a most difficult period of exacting rehearsals with which to contend.

As for Mrs. Nancy Lee Gaucher, who is staging the entire production, one must marvel at her calm and good natured aspiration. To attempt a production of this very demanding, dramatic work at Old Rochester Regional High School, with an enormous cast of eager, hard working, but virtually untutored thespians, is an admirable endeavor indeed!

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"West Side Story" director Mrs. Nancy Lee Gaucher, and music conductor Mr. Gary Thomas, discussed with members of FORAM at a recent meeting production plans for the musical play which is to be presented at Old Rochester Regional High School on March 18th, 19th and 20th.

FORAM president Mr. Charles B. Dunn announced that February 22nd will begin the annual fund drive for the "West Side Story" show program sponsors and patrons.

Tri-town "sponsors and patrons recruiting chairmen" are Mrs. Clarence Fountain in Mattapoisett, Mrs. Calvin Allyn in Marion, and Mrs. James Gurney in Rochester. These chairmen and members of their committees will be contacting as many area residents as possible, soliciting support for this important aspect of the production.

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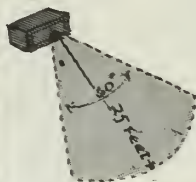


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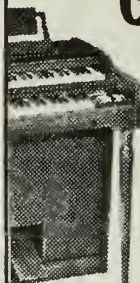
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The series has been arranged by a recently formed Marion Ecumenical Council, made up of representatives of the community's churches and their pastors.

On Friday, March 5th, the service will be incorporated with the observance of World Day of Prayer at 7 P.M. in the First Congregational Church. The program will be over by 7:45 to permit those who wish to attend the Regional Band Concert at Old Rochester Regional High School. For those who wish to stay, light refreshments will be served at a fellowship hour in the Congregational Chapel.

Subsequent meetings will be held on Wednesday nights from March 10 through April 7, with pot luck suppers at 6 P.M. at all except the final program. There will be no charge for any of these suppers. The host church supplies the main course and the other participating churches the salad and dessert.

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Serving on the Council are: First Congregational Church, L. Howard Carl, Jr., Mrs. H. William Fleming, Dr. Benjamin R. Tilden and the Rev. David H. Graham; St. Gabriel's, K. Bradford Dawson, Mrs. Motley Sawyer, Mrs. L. Hoyt Watson and the Rev. Ernest Cockrell; United Methodist, Miss Lovicy M. Delano, Mrs. Barbara Macy, Mrs. Paul Maker and the Rev. Earle B. Luscombe.

Y.W.C.A. Events

William Carmo, project director of the West End Urban Renewal, will be the speaker at the Weekly Luncheon on Wednesday, March

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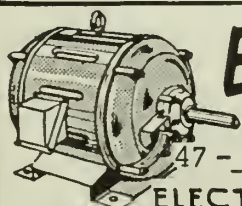
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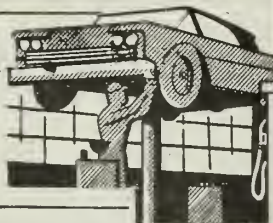
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Where are you headed? What do you expect from life? Are you just shifting from job to job until you meet your future husband? These topics and other related ones will be discussed by Miss Zola and also a review of her last month's subject, "Your Image".

Currently Miss Zola is attending Bridge-water State College working toward her Masters Degree in Education.

Y.W. Community Show

COMMUNITY SHOW IN APRIL

Chairmen for the 1971 Community Show scheduled for April 24-25 have been announced by the YWCA. Mrs. George A.D. St. Aubin, general chairman, will be assisted by co-chairman Mrs. Anthony Nobrega,

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Jr. Mrs. Beatrice J. Guilmette is chairman of Commercial Exhibits that include the business and industrial displays that will again occupy the gymnasium on the main floor of the YWCA.

Mrs. John Valerio, in charge of food service, will provide hot meals and snacks both days. Co-chairmen for international exhibits are Mrs. Dwight L. Baker and Mrs. Henry R. Groebe. Non-commercial exhibits covering hobbies, civic displays, special interests and collections will be in charge of Mrs. Pearl Horsfall, chairman; Mrs. Ralph C. Johnson and Mrs. Charles F. Cafferty, co-chairmen.

Mrs. Albert Waddington is chairman of Ecumenical exhibits. Chairmen of publicity and tickets are Mrs. Edward F. Sears and Mrs. John Drinkwater, respectively. Entertainment programs and demonstrations occurring periodically in the gymnasium will be in charge of Mrs. Anthony Karalekas.

Based upon the attendance of previous years, it is anticipated that more than three thousand interested viewers will attend the show.

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School Addition Rejected

The start of the Special Town Meeting was delayed for more than half an hour as a large turnout of voters registered for admittance to Bristol auditorium Wednesday night. Approximately 600 voters attended the session.

Moderator Donald Fleming called the meeting to order shortly after 8 P.M. Mr. Joseph Travis, chairman of the Building Committee, presented the background leading up to formation of the committee consisting of Mr. Travis, Sandra Perkins, secretary; John Gannon, treasurer; Donald Chase, vice-chairman; William Hubbard, David McIntire, JoAnne Demski, Dorcas Layport, Donald Linhares, alternate; advisors, Dr. Joseph C. Kunces, superintendent of schools; John Moynihan, principal; and Paul Alves, School Committee member. He explained that each member had originally started with the intention of utilizing space in the present school buildings but that after investigating possibilities had reluctantly concluded that an addition to Old Hammondtown was the only answer to the overcrowding caused by the increasing elementary school population. He said that statements about the renting of space at Old Hammondtown to other towns had originated at the time that the Middle School was under consideration. The moving of the fifth and sixth grades to the Middle School would have left room at Old Hammondtown. This would not happen with the Junior High School and so the extra room would not be available. He explained that the library room was in use at the school as a classroom and that the school designed for 250 pupils was accommodating 300. He described the proposed addition which was designed as a separate building to save on insurance rates. It is planned to be connected to the present building by means of glass corridors enclosing a central courtyard.

The proposed addition would cost \$910,000 and Massachusetts would reimburse half the cost in yearly installments over the life of the ten year bond issue.

He said that the cost for the first year would be \$4.05 per thousand on the Mattapoisett Real Estate Tax.

After Mr. Travis gave his presentation the voters were asked for questions and comment. From the first comment, it was apparent that the voters had done much thinking about the situation facing the town. In his presentation Mr. Travis had explained that the addition would be adequate for only 5 years at which time a new elementary school would have to be built. Mr. John Drury rose to express his opinion that a new approach must be made by expanding the use of educational facilities. He said that now was the time to force the educators to consider new methods that are now under consideration throughout the country. He suggested that a study be made of year round school overlapping sessions or double sessions, if necessary. He expressed the opinion that the town could not continue building schools at the present rate and that nothing would be considered if the town continued to vote new building programs every time asked.

Mr. Harold Banks, original member of the Old Hammondtown Building Committee, presented a statement in which he expressed the view that the economic situation of the area, the need at present and the strain on the limited resources of the town made it unwise to add this new addition at this time. (See below for this report.)

It was asked that the committee give a cost breakdown on the classrooms. The answer was that the rooms would cost \$40,000 each for a 32' x 72' area. The gym was to be an adult size gym at a cost of \$140,000. Mr. Jeffrey Riley rose to point out that no provision had been provided for showers for the gym. He expressed skepticism that the gym would be of practical value unless it was built with showers. Mr. Travis explained that showers had been eliminated because of the cost and that the original gym had been a requirement of the State for the elementary school children and had been expanded to adult size at an additional \$50,000 at the request of the town Sports Committee. Mr. Carl Nelson explained that the Sports Committee had plans to change its name and launch into a greatly expanded program. It was pointed out that adult gyms were available at Old Rochester, the Congregational Church parish hall and that one will be built in the new Junior High School.

A question was asked about the total cost to Mattapoisett of the addition. It was learned that Mattapoisett would have to hire the entire amount of the bond issue at estimated interest of 4%. The total of principal plus interest - less the state installments would come to an estimated \$725,000. --- instead of the total of \$455,000. as stated on the brochure.

It was pointed out by the committee that Mattapoisett would be likely to get a 50% share from the state because this is a depressed area. Otherwise the state would pay 40%.

The vote was by secret ballot and was defeated 230 against and 155 in favor. A 2/3 vote was needed to carry.

The voters favored a motion to continue the present Building Committee in office.

A Citizen's Thinking

There were many excellent statements made and points brought out at the special Town Meeting called to consider the Old Hammondtown addition. Mr. Harold Banks made the following statement and has very kindly agreed to let us publish it. Many people are doing constructive thinking about the school system and the impact of its mushrooming cost on the community. We think that this focus of thought is in the best interest of the town and is democracy at its finest. Unfortunately, common sense is a lost trait among all government levels above the town meeting. Only there, is there rational consideration of the public need and the public means.

My name is Harold Banks. I moved to this town in 1948 and over the years I have watched the town grow in many ways. I have been happy to serve the town - on its Finance Committee and on the Building Committee of the very school we are gathered

here tonight to discuss. After spending considerable time in research, and after considering the overall structure of the town's present and projected expenses, I feel this requested addition is not in the best interest of the town and its education.

We are a "bedroom" of New Bedford and as the economy of that city goes, so also will the town of Mattapoisett be affected. As New Bedford slides downhill and jobs disappear, some in this very room will be leaving Mattapoisett for economic and opportunity reasons in the near future. The trend in this area is not going to change in the very near future, and I do not feel that the projected growth, based on past performance, is realistic. As a matter of fact, there has been a slight decrease in our school enrollment since the beginning of this year.

Not counting the interest and debt payment on the Elementary School buildings now in existence, Mattapoisett is going to be asked for over \$1,000,000 to operate the present school system next year, including the elementary schools and our proportionate share of the Regional High School. This is far beyond what should be required if a good look would be taken by the proper parties. It may interest you to know that a short five years ago, the cost per pupil was approximately \$560.00 per year. Next year this will be well over \$925.00, a figure obtained simply by dividing the number of Mattapoisett pupils into the budget requested. How many of your incomes have nearly doubled in that time?

I am not against spending money for education - I even like motherhood, children - just not apple pie - but I do believe spending over \$1,000,000 a year for a town like Mattapoisett with less than 2,000 taxable units or the equivalent of \$500.00 per unit does say to me we are not doing an efficient job. We must remember bricks and mortar or large sums of money will not give your child a good education. I again say with proper planning by the School Department and its employees there is no need for this addition. Twelve new classrooms mean twelve new teachers, supplies, custodial care, etc. Our Superintendent of Schools is about to receive \$24,000 per year and for this I feel with his Board he should be able to solve his so-called problem without new buildings.

We are already committed to the building of a \$2,400,000 Junior High School of which our share is \$1,152,000. Old Rochester Regional now has 85 teachers of various kinds - their enrollment is 1,034 - if my division is correct that is an average of twelve plus per class.

Regional Open Meeting

OPEN MEETING AT OLD ROCHESTER TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND SCHOOL OPERATION

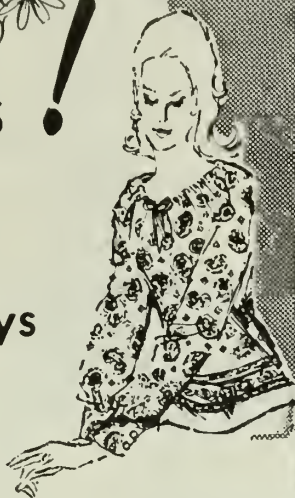
An open meeting will be conducted on Thursday, February 25th, at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria of the Old Rochester Regional High School for those residents in the school district. This open meeting will concern itself with questions pertaining to the annual budget and the opportunity to discuss operational procedures and comments rela-

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tive to the school itself.

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This meeting is being held by the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee.

YW Community Show Cont. from Page 23

Individuals and concerns interested in exhibiting at the show should contact one of the division chairmen or the YWCA. Application blanks are available at the main desk.

Miss Jean Campbell, executive director of the YWCA, is general staff advisor.

WHIST PARTY

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World Day of Prayer

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO BE
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Preparations are now being made for the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer in Marion. Representatives from the First Congregational Church, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, St. Rita's Roman Catholic Church, and the United Methodist Church are planning for this event to be held on Friday, March 5th, at 7 P.M. at the First Congregational Church, Marion. On this day, church men and women in 25,000 communities in the United States will unite their prayers and hopes with parishioners in 155 countries on six continents to affirm

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This evening will be a unique opportunity not only to worship with fellow Christians in Marion, but to be a part of a world-wide observance which has been renewed each year for over eighty years. So, please come and join in the celebration.

Local women planning for this event are Mrs. Paul Maker of the United Methodist Church; Mrs. Robert Lowery and Mrs. Herbert Lyons of the Congregational Church; Mrs. Katharine Nowak and Mrs. Joseph Burke of St. Rita's Catholic Church; and Mrs. William Antulonis of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church.

Mattapoissett Grange

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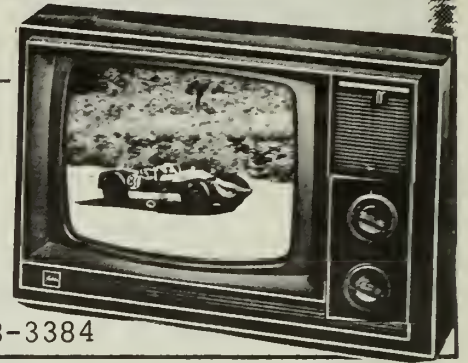
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A report was given by Mrs. Olive Gifford on the Home and Community Service work, by Mrs. Mildred LeBaron on the successful whist parties held in her home. She also reported on the Fair Committee meeting held Wednesday, February 10th. Members are asked to start collecting items for the gift table, children's table, white elephant table and post office barrel. In this way the last minute hurry can be avoided. A fine Conservation report was given by Mark Harris. The worthy matron, Doris Fearing, reported on her work with the Juniors, especially the growing attendance. She is planning the postponed hay ride for March 12th and asked for parents or Grange members to serve as chaperones.

Honored guests were Deputy Ashley, a

member of the State Youth Committee; Frank Jefferson, Robert Ouellette, president of the Past Masters' Association and Pomona overseer; Manuel Roderick, representative. Visitors were present from Rochester, Marion, West Wareham, Fairhaven, Acushnet and South Middleboro.

The lecturer's march was won by Miss Fearing. A paper bag auction was conducted by Mark Harris to a most responsive group for the benefit of the treasury.


Delicious refreshments were served by Margarite Vaughan and Mary Costa.

At the next meeting, Thursday, March 4th, Mr. Leonard Burnham of the Sippican-Burnham Nursery will be the guest speaker.

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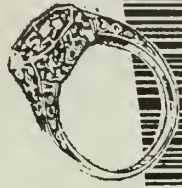
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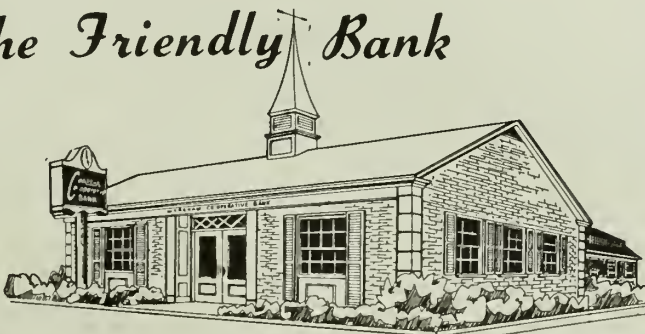
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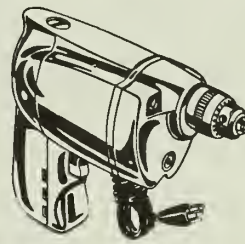
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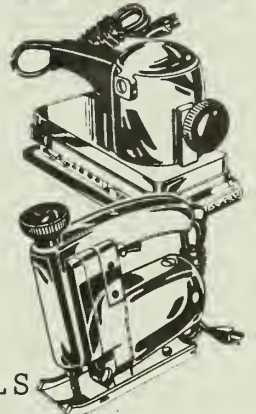
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